

VW

Response to Rule 312 Communication	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/980,212	ITATANI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Rosemary E. Ashton	1752	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 21 April 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Claim 16 has been renumbered claim 15 and claim 17 has been renumbered claim 16.



ROSEMARY ASHTON
PRIMARY EXAMINER